(a) whether Government have received a proposal from Air Sahara for purchase of new aircrafts from various sources;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the aircrafts proposed to be acquired are on long-term dry lease or on some other terms and conditions such as purchase from Canada; and

(d) the details of the proposal submitted by Air Sahara in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) : Government has recently permitted M/s. Air Sahara to import eight CRJ-200 (50 seater) and four CRJ-700 (70 seater) aircraft from foreign airlines on dry lease basis.

M/s. Air Sahara has also submitted a proposal for import of two B-737–700 (136 seater) and two B-737–800 (168 seater)aircraft on dry lease basis.

IA's fleet expansion plans

1360. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance has objected to the fleet expansion plan of the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and

(c) the response of the Ministry of Civil Aviation thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The proposal that has been received from Indian Airlines Ltd. has been circulated to various apprasing agencies like Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment etc. Their comments, when received will be discussed in a pre-PIB (Public Investment Board) meeting.

Security lapse on Delhi-Mumbai flight

1361. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a police Sub-Inspector carrying his